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1. Per reftel, post nominates two candidates.

2. Elena Rojas Romero  
Senior Officer  
Department of Legal Coordination and International  
Relations  
Ministry of Justice

Ms. Rojas prepares legal and policy recommendations for the Ministry of Justice on IPR-related matters, particularly the Ministry's position on the GOS's anti-piracy plan. She is a good Embassy contact and enthusiastic about IPR issues. She has worked for a law firm where knowledge of English was required and has studied twice in the United States for brief periods. Ms. Rojas is available for the September 12-16 program. Post has Spanish CV for Ms. Rojas - we are prepared to translate the CV into English and transmit electronically to the Department and USPTO per request.

3. Jesus Jose Tirado Estrada  
Office Director  
National Prosecutor's Office (Fiscalia General del Estado)

Mr. Tirado has been a prosecutor for twenty years. He is a good Embassy contact and should also prove to be a good conduit for additional nominations in years to come. Mr. Tirado is committed to the fight against IPR piracy. A key U.S. IPR policy goal in Spain is to encourage more forceful prosecution of IPR cases - nominating Mr. Tirado is consistent with that objective. Mr. Tirado has participated in numerous national and international working groups on a variety of issues. He has an interest in policy, which should be very useful as we encourage the GOS to prosecute IPR violators more vigorously. Mr. Tirado has also published extensively, including, a 1998 article called "IPR-related Crimes: Analysis of articles 270 to 272 of the Criminal Code". Embassy has a Spanish CV for Mr. Tirado, which we are prepared to translate upon request. Mr. Tirado would prefer to attend the September session.

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